E.—A BRIEF REPORT OF THE WORKING OF THE KOLAR GOLD FIELD POLICE FOR THE YEAR 1913-14.

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During the year under report I was in charge of the Circle exclusive of a period of one month from the afternoon of the 24th October to the forenoon of the 25th November 1913 when I was appointed Deputy Inspector-General of Police in Mysore (temporary) during the tour of H. E. Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, Viceroy and Governor-General of India, to the province. During the above period Mr. F. S. Raghava Char, Amildar of Bowringpet, was appointed to act as Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Field.

Beats, Patrols and Co-operation of the Police with the Mines Watchmen.

The working of the beats and patrols has been receiving special attention and has been carried out as efficiently as possible during the year under report. A strong patrol has been maintained at night in order to guard against the depredations of Criminal gangs such as voddars, korachars, etc., on our borders who committed a series of burglaries on the outskirts of the Mines in the months of November, December and January last giving a lot of trouble till they returned to British limits. The watch Establishment of the Companies continued to render invaluable help to the Police in the actual Mining Area. Constituting as they do at present a fine body of men and in spite of their continued assistance to the Police within that area, they cannot help them beyond up to the borders in consequence of which the beat and patrol work must inevitably suffer proportionately outside their system of work, which however, was considerably extended during the year.

A daring case of house-breaking was committed by a gang of men who broke into the Silver Room of the Mysore Mine No. 1 Mill by cleverly sawing through the iron bars and purloining gold worth Rs. 5,426, the whole of which, the Police with the help of the Detective Department luckily succeeded in recovering and procured the maximum sentence on two members of the gang.

The subjoined statement gives details of the Force (Gold Field and Bowringpet Taluk) as it stood on the last day of the year and last day of the previous year:—

				1912-13	1913-14
Inspectors	...	...	...	11	10
Head Constables	...	...	...	19	19
Sergeants and Dafadars	...	...	...	11	11
Constables	...	...	...	277	276
Recruits	...	...	...	10	10

One Sub-Inspector and 16 men were temporarily sanctioned for the Kolar Gold Field Railway Police for a period of one year.

One 2nd Grade Head Constable, one Sergeant and 10 Constables were also sanctioned for the Bowringpet-Kolar Railway under the District Board.

Crime.—There has been a decrease of 46 cases which was due to a fall under house-breaking and theft and theft ordinary.

The amount of property lost was Rs. 16,003-8-4 which was more than in the previous year by Rs. 7,382-10-1. The reason for the increase is due to the case of house-breaking and theft which was committed in the silver room of the Mysore Mine No. 1 Mill in which gold amalgam to the value of Rs. 5,426 was lost and recovered.

The recovery of property lost amounted to Rs. 9,543-10-1 which is also greater for the above reason by Rs. 5,727-9-11.

The number of convictions to true cases and also the number of persons convicted were normal when compared with the previous year.

There were 43 cases under the Mysore Mines Regulation against 78 in the previous year. The reason for the fall in the number was due to less number of cases under Sections 17 and 19 and 18 and 19 of the Mysore Mines Regulation, as many of the undesirables have left the Field, and the provisions of Sections 18 and 19 are now very well-known to all hawkers and pedlars.

The appended statement shows the crime dealt with during the year under report on the Gold Field. As regards the percentage in recovery of property there has been a far better result than in the two preceding years the figures being 59·6 against 44·2 and 37·9 per cent.

The percentage of convictions to true cases as well as the percentage of convictions to arrests stood normal.

There were no cases of Murder, Dacoity and Culpable Homicide on the Field during the year. There was one case of robbery reported which ended in B Sheet, being found to be false on investigation. There were 127 true cases of house-breaking and theft reported as against 119 in the previous year. Of these 14 ended in conviction.

There were 154 cases of ordinary theft against 177 in the previous year. Of these 108 ended in conviction. The percentage of convictions to true cases was 68·7 against 59·06 in the previous year and 46·9 in the percentage of recovery of property against 64·8 in the previous year. The number of cases of receiving stolen property was the same as that of last year, the figures being 10 in both years. The cases of theft of Mining Material (receiving stolen property under the Mysore Mines Regulation) amounted to 53 with a recovery of property of Rs. 1,916-4-0 against 88 cases with a recovery of property worth Rs. 1,567-11-11 in the previous year. The number of persons convicted under these heads was 40 against 68 in the previous year.

In the Detective Department the expenditure for the year was Rs. 15,024-14-5 against 14,930-15-10 in the previous year. 17 cases were taken up during the year, of which, 13 ended in conviction, three were dropped and one was pending at the close of the year against 26 cases, 23 convictions, one reported in B Form, one in which no action was taken and one pending in the previous year.

Nineteen persons were arrested during the year, of whom 15 were convicted, 3 cases were dropped and one was pending investigation compared with 28 persons, 23 convictions, one discharged or acquitted; no action was taken against one, B sheet submitted against one and one pending investigation in the previous year.

Property to the value of Rs. 6,993-1-9 was recovered against Rs. 1,294-9-4 in the previous year.

Grave Crimes on the Kolar Gold Fields A and B Divisions (Champion Reef and Ooregum) for 1913-14.

Serial No.	SECTION OF LAW	Cases					Persons			Property						Percentage of recovery of property	Remarks
		Reported	Disposed on B Form or refused	Total true cases	Convicted or detected	Percentage of convictions to true cases	Arrested	Convicted	Percentage of convictions to arrests	Lost			Recovered				
										Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		
1	Murder	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Culpable homicide ..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3	Dacoity	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
4	Robbery	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	
5	House-breaking and thefts .	134	7	127	14	11·02	53	20	37·7	10,106	11	0	6,177	8	6	59·3	
6	Thefts	167	13	154	108	68·7	154	128	83·1	3,086	0	4	1,449	13	7	46·9*	* One case transferred to Ry. Police.
7	Receiving stolen property ..	10	...	10	7	70%	18	8	44·4	1,627	8	0	1,052	10	0	68·3	† One case transferred to Ry. Police.
8	Mining Regulation ...	43	4	39	30	76·9	53	32	60·3	883	2	0	863	10	0	97·7†	‡ 2 cases do
9	Criminal Secs. of C.P.C. ..	1	...	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
	Total for 1913-14 ...	356	25	331	160	48·3	281	189	67·2	16,003	8	4	9,543	10	1	59·6‡	
	Total for 1912-13 ...	402	36	366	177	48·3	320	205	64·0	68,620	14	3	3,816	0	2	44·2	
	Total for 1911-12 ...	365	17	348	200	57·4	351	253	71·4	9,076	5	5	3,442	3	3	37·9	